

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 476 without my signature.

The objectives of this bill are duplicative of work already being done by a variety of sources. Not only have there been reviews of California's standards and assessment system by the United States Department of Education's peer review process, the California Department of Education has a process which has included an independent alignment study and review of test items by various content and test development experts. Finally, this bill circumvents the State Board of Education in the selection of the independent evaluator and approving the evaluation and its recommendations.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger